

Remarks

By virtue of this amendment, claims 1-7 and 9-18 are presently pending in this application. No pending claims have been amended, and claims 8, 19, and 20 have been canceled without disclaimer or prejudice.

On June 26, 2009, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences issued a decision in Appeal Number 2008-001226 relating to the above referenced application. In that decision, the Board indicated that claims 1-7 and 9-18 were not shown to be obvious in view of the references of record. The Board also indicated that claims 8, 19, and 20 were not shown to be obvious in view of the references of record, but indicated that the claims related to a "transitory, propagating signal" and were not directed to statutory subject matter. Thus, the Board newly rejected claims 8, 19, and 20. The applicant respectfully traverses the rejection, but cancels claims 8, 19, and 20 without disclaimer or prejudice to expedite the application to allowance.

Based on the foregoing and the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. Should an extension of time not otherwise accounted for be required for consideration of this response, such extension is hereby requested and the commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 08-2623. If any issues remain to be resolved prior to the granting of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the Applicants at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted this July 1, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,



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